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Spc. Ricardo Niera sets up a chemical agent detector as he and the rest of the reconnaissance, selection and occupation team prepare the field site for emplacement at Fort Bliss, Texas. *Courtesy Photo.*

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An elderly man watches Koreans filter into Gyeongbok palace through an exit from Seoul's modern subway system Sept. 28. While Seoul becomes increasingly modern, many Koreans still take time to visit the palace, a piece of Korean history. *Photo by Pfc. Michael Noggle.*

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8th U.S. Army Receives ROK Presidential Unit Citation

By Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell
Commander, 8th U.S. Army

Kee up the great work, 8th U.S. Army! You make me proud and honor America with your dedication and commitment to our mission in support of the ROK-US Alliance—an alliance that has been strong and capable for more than 50 years. What you do is noticed and appreciated at the highest levels of the Korean government as well as by the local communities that you interact with on a daily basis. Our relationship with the ROK military is forged in blood, an enduring bond between our two nations and the men and women that proudly serve as members of the Combined Forces Command.



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Eighth United States Army
Seoul, Republic of Korea

As President of the Republic of Korea, I take great pleasure in awarding the Eighth United States Army this Letter of Citation in recognition of and appreciation for the valuable service you have rendered to the Republic of Korea for the past 50 years.

In the past 50 years, the Eighth United States Army has provided outstanding support toward maintaining peace on the Korean Peninsula. Eighth United States Army's support through Non-combatant Evacuation Operations and combat service support to US and ROK forces has contributed to the deterrence of aggression against the ROK and has maintained an unwavering commitment to ensuring the security of the Republic of Korea.

Of particular note, the Eighth United States Army was instrumental in the Future of the Alliance (FOTA) and the Land Partnership (LPP) efforts. It coordinated the transfer of seven missions from Eighth Army to the ROK Army, including the security mission in the Joint Security Area of the DMZ. Eighth Army implemented the LPP to consolidate Eighth Army units on fewer installations while maintaining US and ROK ability to deter aggression.

Eighth Army contributed over one million dollars and one million soldier service hours to schools and charities throughout Korea as the Army Component of the United States Forces Korea Good Neighbor Program. These efforts enhanced communication, interaction and positive bonding with the Korean communities and organizations and Korean military units. The outstanding initiatives include the Community Relations Program Review, Adopt-a-School Program, the Unit Partnership Programs with ROK Army units and the General Paik, Sun Yup Leadership Award program to recognize KATUSA soldiers who have demonstrated outstanding performance and leadership.



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The untiring dedication and service of the men and women of the Eighth United States Army has contributed greatly to the remarkable alliance among our nations and has earned the everlasting appreciation and admiration of the Korean people.

eArmyU to be fielded Armywide

Army News Service

Beginning Oct. 1, access to the Army Continuing Education System's eArmyU program will be available to most active-duty enlisted Soldiers.

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With the program's expansion to the entire Army, the eArmyU "Technology Pack" or "laptop" option will be offered solely as a retention and readiness tool in support of Army Transformation and the Army Campaign Plan, officials said, by encouraging re-enlistment into combat forces/operational units.

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three years instead of the current two years. Soldiers must have three years time-in-service remaining at the time of program enrollment, and must have concurrent enrollment approval from their commander and the ACES Counselor.

Both "no-laptop" and "laptop" students receive several tools to support their success as an online student, including an Internet Service Provider account, textbooks, eArmyU "Boot Camp" tutorial, an email account, online academic tutoring, digital library services, and 24/7 helpdesk and technology support.

General requests for information about the program should be directed to the local Army Education Center, www.earmyu.com, or to the eArmyU Help Desk at 1-800-817-9990.

Additional changes may be made in modularity and restationing initiatives, officials said.

eArmyU.com, the program's distance-learning portal, currently allows enrolled Soldiers to access 146 post-secondary certi-

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Triathlons and tribulations

8th U.S. Army athletes compete in tests of mind and body

**Story and Photos by
Sgt. Andrew Kosterman**
Morning Calm, KORO

Teamwork is and always has been a keystone of the U.S. Army. Teams are made, and team members are often driven to test their skills against the competition.

23 teams were put to the test when 63 people competed in the 2004 8th U.S. Army Team Triathlon Sept. 12, at Camp Casey in Uijongbu.

Participants came from as far away as Daegu to compete in the event, which featured racing in a swimming pool, a rugged mountain bike course, and a road course that stretched over six miles.

The race started at the Camp Casey's Hansen Field House

After a quick tag, athletes competing in the bicycling portion of the event began to make their way through the 30-kilometer course. The course did cause a few bumps and bruises for the competitors, including one who had on-site medical personnel pulling embedded rocks from his skin.

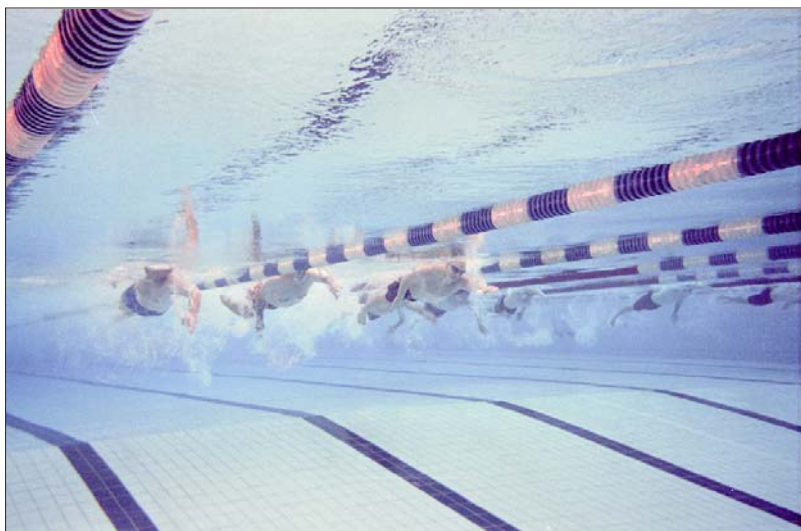
"Yeah, I totally ate it hard," said Michael Hutt, a 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment Soldier and bicyclist for team 5, of his crash that sent him to see the medics.

A 10-kilometer run finished the triathlon. Team 15 led the charge in heat one, as Clinton Mercer flew across the finish line, bringing with him some rain showers.

The team was happy, but refrained from making any



Michael Hutt gets rocks pulled from his arm after the 8th U.S. Army Team Triathlon. Hutt crashed during the bike portion of the event.



Heat two of the marathon takes off during the swim portion.

pool under a partly cloudy sky. After a 500-meter swim, Cynthia S. Dennis of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Signal Battalion, was first out of the water in heat one. Individual times were not recorded because the triathlon was a team event.

comments about their performance until competitors finished heat two.

"I know we did well," said Keelan McNulty of, team 15. "It's tough to compete against the clock."

McNulty, Mercer and

James Porter, Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, would take second in the Men's Division with a time of 1 hour, 36 minutes and 23 seconds.

Top honors for the category went to Charles Unruh, Dana Munari and James Corliss of HHC, 121st General Hospital, team 1 with time of 1:35.53.

"We did alright," Unruh said. "We had a little mishap, but put the bike back together."

Unruh was referring to a malfunction in his teammates bicycle handlebars that caused the bike to crash into a tree, thus knocking the chain out.

The women's event was won by Elizabeth Thomas, Angela Kreh and Beth Bieren of 122nd Signal Company, with a time of 1:59.19. Finishing first in the mixed division were 307th Signal Battalion's Cynthia Dennis, Ethan Chang and Glenroy Haskins at 1:47.36.

To find out about upcoming triathlons, marathons, and other athletic events, visit your unit website or check www.mwr.korea.army.mil.

ADA positions for pe

Spc. Orlando Custard pulls a power cable reel out as he and the rest of the electric power plant crew emplace the electric power plant. Custard and the rest of his brigade will be joining the 8th U.S. Army mission in South Korea in mid-October.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark D. Enders



peninsula protection

By Pfc. Michael Noggle
Staff writer

The U.S. and Republic of Korea Alliance gains an additional defensive asset as 8th U.S. Army prepares to receive the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, adding another layer of Patriot missile protection against possible threats to the peninsula.

2-1 ADA Soldiers preparing for de- ployment

By Staff Sgt. Mark D. Enders
35th ADA Brigade PAO

FORT BLISS, Texas – With nearly all crews comprised of Soldiers who had never before certified together on their equipment, Soldiers from A and C batteries, 2nd Battalion, 1st ADA, exceeded the standards during their Battery Table VIII certifications July 17.

Soldiers in A and C Batteries are preparing for reassignment at Fort Bliss when the rest of 2-1 ADA deploys to Korea this fall. In order to join another battalion ready for whatever mission they may be asked to perform, both batteries are directed to certify Battery Table VIII prior to being departed from 2-1 ADA. In accordance with the April 2004 Gunnery Program, a Battery Table VIII involves conducting reconnaissance, selection and occupation of position team (RSOP); passing a thorough maintenance scrub of the radar set, antenna mast group (AMG), engagement control station (ECS), electric power plant (EPP) and launching stations (LS); moving the unit to a new field site; and, being operational within 45 minutes of arrival, which includes the ECS crew validly assuming the directed alert state with five operational launchers. The ECS crew then engages in a simulated air battle. Additionally, a Battery Table VIII is comprised of a successful guided missile transporter missile reload crew drill and the assumption and air battle of a

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Courtesy Photo

At Osan Air Base, construction workers continue to work round the clock to complete new facilities for the Soldiers of the 35th ADA Brigade.

Following the 30 April announcement of the upcoming deployment, construction and remodeling schedule commenced as Gwangju Air Base (ROK) and Osan Air Base were readied for the addition of the 550 Soldiers and their equipment. At Fort Bliss, TX., Soldiers from A and C batteries immediately started preparing for the fall deployment.

“These great Soldiers executed an intensive plan to reorganize personnel, equipment, and train for deployment,” said Col. Kenneth J. Cox, the 35th ADA Brigade commander, as he spoke to his Soldiers and their families at the unit’s departure ceremony on 13 Sep. “Once in Korea, these Soldiers will do their part in continuing to strengthen a partnership and alliance that has been strong for over 50 years.”

Patriot missile defense systems are designed to bring down any type of



Staff Sgt. Mark D. Enders

Sgt. Michael Rowberry yells to the engagement control station to let them know the electric power plant is operational.

enemy fire or aircraft flying in prohibited air space. The ADA currently uses both PAC-2 and PAC-3 systems, with plans to upgrade all to the PAC-3 system with its 16-rocket capability. The ROK military does not currently have their own Patriot capability, although they recently announced that they would be purchasing their first Patriot PAC-2 missile systems from the Germans.

"This is part of what you do in an alliance," said Lt. Col David M. Pendergast, the Chief, Air and Missile Defense Division, USFK J3. "If one side doesn't have the capabilities to do something, then the other will share their capabilities. It strengthens our alliance."

The peninsula's newest brigade will be headquartered at Osan Air Base, an area accustomed to U.S. servicemen and women. The 425 members of the battalion, however, will face a great deal of scrutiny from the local Gwangju community, an area unaccustomed to the presence of U.S. Army personnel and equipment.

The Honorable Park, Soo-gil, a former ambassador, and currently a professor at Honam University, is prepared to assist the battalion on the ground in Gwangju. Park participated in the unit's departure ceremony and New Horizons Day training back at Fort Bliss, part of an 8th Army plan to thoroughly prepare the Soldiers prior to their arrival in country. While delivering the history of the area and explaining Korean culture with an insider's perspective, Park's pride in his city and his enthusiasm for the upcoming deployment were evident.

"On behalf of the Republic of Korea and the citizens of Gwangju, we welcome and invite you to add your own brilliance and hopes for a growing relationship," said Park. "We look forward to watching the 35th Brigade emerge as a key element to our growth and development."

"The impact you will have on the Korean theater of operations will be tremendous and will enhance our capabilities for deterrence and increase our ability to protect the Korean peninsula and the citizens of Gwangju," said Park

Before they even arrive on the peninsula, a relationship has been forged with the unit leadership and local area leadership, as essential element of the Good Neighbor program. "I have no doubt that these Soldiers will do this with the same dedication, commitment and proficiency that they've demonstrated in training for this deployment, said Cox. "They are prepared to be partners in the Gwangju community."



Staff Sgt. Mark Enders

Pfc. Eric Webber cranks out an antenna as he and the rest of the antenna mast group team emplace the AMG in this year's Table VIII exercise. The antenna set-up is just a small part in the operations for the air and missile defense Soldiers' operations.

second ECS crew.

"Due to personnel moves in support of 2-1's movement to Korea our overall ratio was about 55 percent new personnel on the crews," said Capt. Suzanne Kendell, A Battery Commander. "Everybody put forth their best efforts to contribute to the overall success of the battery." Kendell said her EPP crew performed extremely well. "And having three launcher crews run a crew drill with zero deficiencies was outstanding, especially considering the limited training time," she concluded.

"Our EPP crew beat the battalion record... with a time of 9 minutes, 52 seconds," said Staff Sgt. James "Shaft" Steadman, A Battery Fire Control Platoon Sergeant. "Before this the battalion record was 10 minutes." (The standard is 25 minutes.)

"We had three weeks to train, but these crews kept changing out so that the crews that certified only had about three days to train before we rolled out (for the exercise)," said Shaft. "Spc. Savali Kemp and Spc. Orlando Custard, our EPP crew, were the record breakers. And Pfc. Jose Andino, one of our antenna mast group crew, did very well – he only had eight hours to train on the AMG before the Table VIII, and he had never touched one before."

As A Battery Soldiers set a new battalion record and competed to be best in the battery, C Battery Soldiers also exceeded many standards with mostly new crews as well.

The Soldiers from C Battery's launcher platoon strived for success, with many new crews emplacing equipment. "We got a first-time go

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CW3 Jerry M. Goldic, a 17th Aviation Brigade property book officer, plays basketball with children at Namsan Children's Home in Seoul during Chusok, Sept. 28. The children also played ping-pong and badminton, celebrated birthdays, and ate lunch with the visiting Soldiers.

Chaplains Chusok fo

**Story and Photos by
Spc. Daniel Love
Editor**

Chusok is a time for Korean families to be together, so they travel all over the country to celebrate the holiday in the company of their loved ones.

However, for young Koreans in orphanages without families to enjoy the festivities with, Chusok may not feel as significant.

Three 8th U.S. Army chaplains led the Reliant on Christ in Korea group, which is made up of Soldiers, civilians, and family members, on a mission to make the holiday brighter for the residents of a Seoul orphanage called the Namsan Children's Home Sept. 28.

"I think the message we want to give these kids is that someone loves them and cares about them," said CW2 Jerry M. Goldic, a 17th Avn. Brigade property book officer. "It doesn't matter what nationality they are or what language they speak, deep down inside they are all the same. Kids are kids; they just want to play, be taken care of, and loved."

Over 50 people caravanned from Yongsan to Namsan in many a minivan and SUV laden with snacks and people eager to interact with the children. Upon arrival, they were greeted with curious stares and hesitation, but it wasn't long before the children were playing basketball or practicing english with their new American friends.

"These kids are part of the future generation," said Spc. Josh J. Bechard, a Special Operations

as brighten for orphans

Command Korea help desk operator. "When they grow up, they're not going to forget about us. They'll remember the kindness, not the negative stereotype American Soldiers can sometimes get."

The kids filed through a lunch line and were given numerous types of American snacks, and four children celebrated their birthdays. The two

cultures mixed as they ate together, laughing, joking, and testing their language skills.

"Everyone here understands that we've been blessed with so much, and we just want to give back to the community," said Goldie. "I can't think of a better way to spend Chusok than to come here and spend time with these kids."

The 8th U.S. Army Chaplains frequently visit orphanages, and welcome additional participants.



Children enjoy snacks that were brought for them by Reliant on Christ in Korea group volunteers. The 8th U.S. Army Chaplains visit orphans in Seoul and other cities monthly, bringing with them toys, food, and clothes. Those interested in attending future visits can call Micheal Hagen at (DSN)723-2374.



A member of the Reliant on Christ in Korea serves a taste of America as young orphans eagerly wait in line for their first serving. The children ate their snacks while merrily conversing with their new American friends.

2nd BCT medics: combat ready and effective



1st Lt. Jorge Lopez (right) of 2nd Forward Support Battalion and a medic from the 44th Engineer Battalion, train to examine Soldiers in the triage medical assistance area of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team's medical treatment facility at Camp Ramadi, Iraq, Sept. 5.

By Sgt. 1st Class Brian Sutton
2nd Brigade Combat Team PAO

Tired, sweaty, blood-soaked Soldiers were laying on stretchers outside the medical treatment facility. They had been brought there by ground ambulance, into the waiting arms of lifesaving medical Soldiers.

These Soldiers' lives were literally in the hands of those who could mean the difference between life and death, and those injured Soldiers count on medical teams to be prepared.

Soldiers of Company C, 2nd Forward Support Battalion got a taste of what dealing with a large number of casualties was like Sept. 4 during a unit casualty exercise here. It wasn't their first experience, having trained as a unit in Korea under similar scenarios, but being forward deployed where combat is ongoing may add an additional element of realism to the fight to save lives.

Although the casualties were not real, the members of this unit realize that being a part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team from the 2nd Infantry Division is tough business, and that they must prepare for the worst possible scenarios while in a combat theater. The best way to do that is with a casualty exercise, unit members said.

Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Tyrone Dove, the Treatment Platoon's platoon sergeant, said he understands the

stresses of combat medicine, and the unit is doing everything it can to make the "real thing" easier on his treatment teams.

"One thing I've learned is that you have to already have a plan in place," said Dove. He stressed that knowing and rehearsing the plan is what keeps his teams focused on the mission, but knowing the plan is not always enough to give the patient the best care possible; one other key element ensures that is accomplished – the element of control.

"You've gotta have some cool heads in this situation," he said. Numerous casualties at the same time can cause stress on the teams who are desperately trying to save as many patients as possible. Without coolness that can only come from exercises like this one, a team will fall apart and the patients will suffer.

"The basic goal is to do the most good for the most (people)," said Dove.

But doing good things for the most amount of people is a whole-team effort that does not begin once the patient gets to the treatment facility,

he said. Other key players play perhaps an even more crucial role than the medics and doctors who care for them at the facility. Those key players are in the Soldiers' units.

Dove said it is important that leaders develop training plans and battle drills that stress proper immediate medical care for patients, and that they learn to quickly evacuate the patient to medical personnel.



Spc. Crenshaw from the 44th Medical Battalion, prepares to perform manual breathing for a patient during an exercise.

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ROK Armed Forces celebrate 56th Anniversary



Spc. Daniel Love

ROK Armed Forces color guard and marching bands wow the crowds and some of the U.S./ROK Alliance's military leaders with displays of military precision. Representatives from all branches filled the parade ground at Gyeryeongdae ROK military headquarters.

By Spc. Daniel Love
Editor

Since the inception of the South Korean Army 56 years ago, the Republic of Korea has been building impressive and effective armed forces.

Oct. 1, the nation's finest servicemembers showed their military might during the ROK armed forces anniversary celebration in Gyeryeongdae ROK military headquarters.

Leaders from around the peninsula were in attendance, including Roh, Moo-hyun, the president of South Korea, Gen. Leon J. Laporte, USFK commander, and Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commander.

One of the highlights of the ceremony featured Roh presenting 8th U.S. Army with the presidential unit citation for contribution to peninsula security.

The event was extremely impressive, however every fourth year when a new South Korean president is inaugurated, the celebration is held on a larger scale.

Servicemembers from all ROK military branches performed ceremonial drills. ROK and U.S. aircrafts flew by the parade grounds, and the ROK military taekwondo team performed hand to hand combat demonstration. *(Editor's note: PERSCOM has submitted the award to DA to see if this qualifies for an authorized unit award for currently serving 8th U.S. Army Soldiers.)*



Spc. Daniel Love

ROK military taekwondo team members break boards with their hands and feet during a demonstration.

A newly modern...



Spc. Daniel Love

The bustling streets of Chungjangro are busy all night, featuring all types of restaurants, shops and entertainment establishments. This section of town is full of light and excitement, making it a favorite hang-out area for young people, comparable to Myeongdong or Sinchon in Seoul.



Spc. Daniel Love

A temple roof in the outskirts of Gwangju acts as a waterfall during autumn rain. Special taxis bring tourists to temples and other rural sites.

By Spc. Daniel Love
Editor

Gwangju, the fifth-largest city in Korea, has never been quite the same as its sister cities. With a comparably higher rate of creativity and public protests per capita, its 1.4 million residents consider themselves artists, forward thinkers, and revolutionaries.

Situated in the Jeollanam Province on the southwest corner of the peninsula, Gwangju can be reached by Korean Train Express from Seoul Station or an express bus from the Seoul express bus terminal. The KTX makes the trip in about 3 hours, while the express bus takes another half hour to reach its destination.

While the city's location in a valley gave it a key role in Korean history, its most well known for an event that happened recently.

Gwangju is famous, or perhaps infamous, for the violent protest of May 18, 1980, that was met with an even more violent reaction from the

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government. 154 people died in a tragic uprising, and in honor of those lost, the May 18th cemetery was built north of the city. Those who were killed in the massacre are buried there.

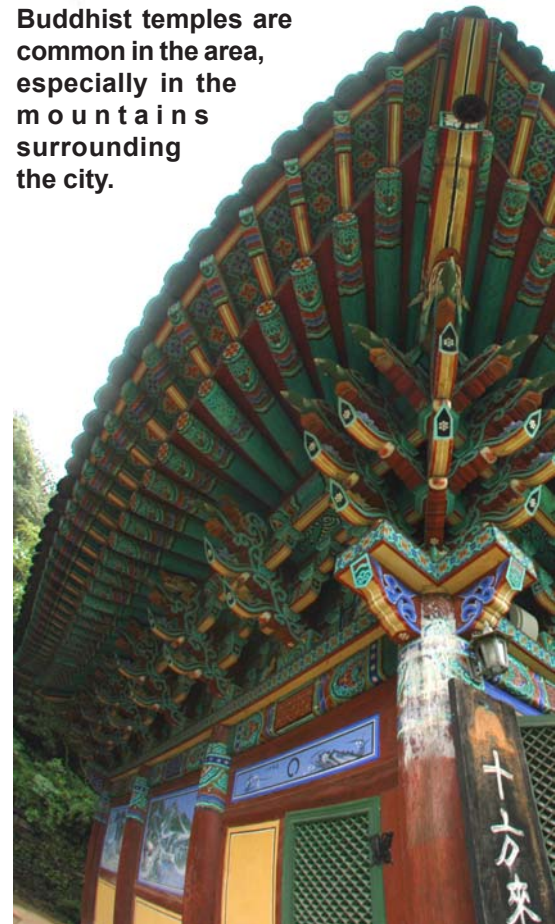
Busloads of students still go there every year and protest whatever they are not satisfied with during the months their universities are not in session. Protests are fairly common there, and can often become violent, so visitors should use extra caution to avoid crowds of protestors.

Large crowds of police are often standing by at the city center, where riots are most likely to break out.

While Gwangju is partly famous for a negative reason, there are also several positive reasons to visit the

traditional cultural...

Buddhist temples are common in the area, especially in the mountains surrounding the city.



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city. There are several famous theme-specific streets, like 'art-street' and 'food-street,' that can add an interesting perspective to the province. On art-street, shops display local and foreign art in their windows. Food-street isn't really one street; it's actually a network of streets connected to one big street. Each side street features several restaurants specializing in a single

local dish or flavor, and the competition between the shops generates delicious food.

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The Chungjangro area in the center of the city has a day and night scene that has become common in large Korean cities. The intoxicating mix of lights, crowds, and an atmosphere in which anything can happen make a night out much more eventful. During the day, the streets host a plethora of shops, for those interested in some new threads.

At night, the streets are full of youth and energy, and the local bars and nightclubs enjoy heavy patronage. There are several hotels in the area, but the Palace Hotel is the ideal place to stay for those wanting to get in on the action, due to its location in the center of the district.

While Gwangju is fairly large city, it is confined between several mountains. The mountains are dotted with temples, gardens, and palaces that are as old as the city itself. A network of



The statues at the May 18th Cemetery feature artist's conceptions of scenes from the tragedy that took the lives of 154 people May 18, 1980.

Pfc. Michael Noggle

winding, one-way roads connects them. These roads require special caution by the motorists driving on them, because the temple tour buses and sport-utility vehicles that frequent the roads are hard to spot when zipping around blind corners on a motor scooter. North of the city, visitors can find the Gwangju Bamboo Forest. After a 20 minute

drive, visitors are treated to a walk along a pathway in a scene reminiscent of a martial arts movie. That's probably why there are sign posts to show tourists where scenes from several Korean movies were filmed. The bamboo can not grow too far north of Gwangju, but in this forest, it grows so tall that it blocks out the sun.

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on all aspects of the Table VIII,” said Staff Sgt. David T. Frey, C Battery Launcher Platoon Sergeant. “Some of the crews have been here for six months, and some of the crews we just put together for this.”

The successful accomplishments of the initial portion of Table VIII

certification was only the most recent step A and C batteries have taken toward ensuring every Soldier is ready to accomplish their mission when they are reassigned.

The two batteries continue to focus on completing the certification with the remaining LS and GMT

crews and second ECS crews. 2-1 ADA continues to prepare for the success of the entire battalion in follow-on missions by holding all units to the same certification standards whether they deploy to the Republic of Korea or attach to another battery unit at Fort Bliss.

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If they don’t do things right, the patient could die.

“Everybody along the line has to know, understand, and do their jobs correctly,” Dove said. “They’ve got to get them here, and then we have to do our jobs. Each (Soldier) has to know and understand the next step so that they know what needs to happen.”

In many cases, casualty exercises like this one include participation from the line units so that the entire process can be rehearsed time and again until all participants are experts at getting the patients to proper care. This mission, however, focused on the treatment teams themselves so that quick, expert medical care and important team communication in a crisis becomes second nature.

Combat Medic Spc. Galyn Becks said that getting the

teams working in this environment is beneficial to her and her comrades. The training she received is similar to her experiences with real-life trauma.

“It’s actually very realistic,” said Becks. “It looks like chaos (in the treatment area), but it’s actually very controlled.” Becks said that control comes from the battle drills they practice during exercises like this one and it will hopefully keep the unit running smoothly when the real casualties come in.

“It’s an adrenaline rush,” she said, “and we love to do it. But it’s hard dealing with a real patient” and hopefully her skills have been tailored to meet the challenge.

Because she knows that, unfortunately, the patients will come.



Sgt. 1st Class Laurence Lang

(From left to right) Pfc. Joshua Hirshhorn, 175th FINCOM, Chaplain Lt. Col Brett C. Oxman, USFK Deputy Command Chaplain, and Spc. Samuel Goldman, HHC 8th PERSCOM, are holding Torah Scrolls (the 5 books of Moses, handwritten on Parchment), while (center) Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan K. Pious, HHD 501st MI Brigade, completes the chanting of the “Kol Nidrei” prayer Sept. 24 at Religious Retreat Center in Seoul. The Kol Nidrei service marks the start of Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement, which is the “holiest” day on the Jewish Calendar. Families from the Jewish custom will refrain from work and fast from food and attend services in a synagogue.

Seoul



October '04 Events

Oct. 1

KANGWHA ISLAND

Chundeung Temple
Ginseng and Bamboo Market
M \$ 20 C \$ 24
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Oct. 2

PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL

(Dress Code)M \$ 20 C \$ 40.
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*KOREAN FOLK VILLAGE
M \$ 25 C \$ 28
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Oct. 3

CHUNGJU WORLD MARTIAL ARTS FESTIVAL

M \$ 5 C \$ 20
8:30 AM. - 6:30 PM

Oct. 5

PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL

(Dress Code)M \$ 20 C \$ 40.
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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Koreans enter Gyeongbok palace during Chusok.

Oct. 7

CULTURAL TOUR

Gyeongbok Palace
Changduk Palace (Secret Garden)
M \$ 19 C \$ 22
8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 8

OLYMPIC MUSEUM TOUR & NEW MILLENNIUM EXERCISE

M \$ 17 M \$ 20
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 9

PANMUNJOM (DMZ) - Dress Code NO TUNNEL TOUR

Please have lunch before the tour
M \$ 15 C \$ 30 / 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

MT. SORAK OVERNIGHT TOUR

Oct. 9th through Oct. 11th
Please pick up a flyer or call for detailed information.

Oct. 10

SHOW AND DINNER

Korean Traditional Stage at Changdong Theater
M \$ 40 C \$ 45
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Oct. 11

SEOUL LAND & ZOO

M \$ 22 C \$ 25
Junior \$ 20
Child \$ 18 (3yr-12yr)
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Oct. 12

ICHON POTTERY SHOPPING TOUR

Yongin Traditional Furniture Outlet
M \$ 17 C \$ 20
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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A South Korean JSA soldier stands guard at Panmunjom.

Oct. 13

PANMUNJOM (DMZ) & TUNNEL

(Dress Code)M \$ 20 C \$ 40.
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 14

INSADONG NIGHT TOUR

(Dinner Included)
M \$ 25 C \$ 28
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Oct. 15

BOMUN TEMPLE

Ginseng and Bamboo Market
M \$ 19 C \$ 22
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Oct. 16

SUANBO HOT SPRING

Please pick up a flyer for details
October 16th to October 17th
SEOUL CITY NIGHT TOUR
Han River Cruise & Seoul Tower
(Dinner included)
M \$ 40 C \$ 45 / 3:45 p.m. - 10:00p.m.

Oct. 17

SHILLUK TEMPLE

Mokah Buddhist Museum
M \$ 23 C \$ 27
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 19

CULTURAL TOUR

Kyungbok Palace
Changduk Palace (Secret Garden)
M \$ 19 C \$ 22
8:40 AM - 3:30 PM

Oct. 21

INCHON TOUR

Memorial Hall of Incheon Landing Operation & Wolmido Cruise
M \$ 20 C \$ 23
8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Oct. 22

ICHON POTTERY SHOPPING TOUR

Yongin Traditional Furniture Outlet
M \$ 17 C \$ 20
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Oct. 23-24

TEMPLE STAY OVERNIGHT TOUR

Experience the quiet life of a monk's daily routine such as:
Buddhist Service Ceremony - Yebul
Temple Food Monastic Meals - Bal Woo Gong Yang
Walking Meditation - Hang Seon
Tea Ceremony - Dado
Zen Meditation - Cham Seon
Meeting with Buddhist Monks

Oct. 24

LOTTE WORLD AMUSEMENT PARK

M \$ 36 C \$ 39
Child \$ 30 (3yr - 12yr)
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Oct. 26

BOMUN TEMPLE

Ginseng and Bamboo Market
M \$ 22 C \$ 25
8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Oct. 28

INSADONG NIGHT TOUR

(Dinner Included)
M \$ 25 C \$ 28
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Oct. 29

KOREAN FOLK VILLAGE

M \$ 25 C \$ 28
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Oct. 30

SEOUL CITY NIGHT TOUR

Han River Cruise & Seoul Tower
(Dinner Included)M \$ 40 C \$ 45
3:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Oct. 31

KANGWHA ISLAND

Chundeung Temple
Ginseng and Bamboo Market
M \$ 20 C \$ 24/8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

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Final Frame

Two girls walk along the outside of Gyeongbok Palace on a Chusok evening, creating a colorful scene with their traditional Korean Hanbok. During Chusok, many Koreans could be seen wearing these colorful outfits.
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